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The U.S. Navy retirement ceremony is regarded as the nation's expression of appreciation for a job well done, a sincere official recognition of a long period of faithful and honorable service, and is a way of rewarding the end of a career within the Navy.

"I had a life-long mentor, Dr. Bill Falker Jr., tell me 'Remember, life is not a dress rehearsal', I am finding that transitioning out of the Navy and the Research and Development enterprise is not so easy when you love what you do, people believe in you, and you love the people you work with," said Hall. Hall personally thanked every mentor who has helped him along his way during his retirement ceremony speech.

With multiple accomplishments under his belt, Hall's personal awards include the meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. He was also awarded the Humanitarian Service Medal for his assistance in relief operations immediately after the August 2007 earthquake in Peru.

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The ceremony, presided over by Capt. Mark Riddle, NMRC, was attended by many members of the Research and Development enterprise (R&D enterprise), including individuals who helped Hall along his path. Capt. (retired) Lou Bourgeois gave a special presentation highlighting Hall’s accomplishments.

Hall, a native of Stewartstown, Pennsylvania, received his Bachelors of Science in Biology from Shippensburg State College, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania in 1982. He continued on to receive his Ph.D. in microbiology from the University of Maryland, School of Dentistry in 1988. He completed two post-doctoral fellowships at the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia, and the Henry M. Jackson Foundation, Rockville, Maryland.

Commissioned as a United States Navy Lieutenant in the Navy Medical Service Corps in 1994, his first duty assignment was the U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit No. 3 in Cairo, Egypt, where he served as the Rapid Diagnostics Branch Head. After transferring to the Naval Medical Research Institute in Bethesda, Maryland, in 1998, he served as the Enteric Diseases Immunology Branch Head, and subsequently at the Deputy Head of the Enteric Diseases Department at NMRC.

Hall spent time assigned to the U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit No. 6 – Peru (NAMRU-6), where he served as the Head of the Bacteriology Program. Hall established international collaborations in multiple Latin American Countries essential to the U.S. Southern Command’s mission to promote public health security cooperation. As “plank owner” and the Chairman of the Institutional Review Board (IRB), Hall established NAMRU-6 as the South American leader in research ethics.

In June 2008, Hall was assigned to the NMRC Headquarters where he spent time as the Director for Administration, the leader and establisher of the NMRC Wound Infections Department, and as the executive officer.

“No regrets. I would do it all over again if I could,” concluded Hall.

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